

York 5/12 mo. '92

Dear Dr. Gray

The Conifer seeds are safely
to hand. ^{a few hours ago} The plant of the yellow
Aquilegia arrived in excellent con-
dition; also the other plants & bulbs in
box No. 2.

Can we safely rely on the Aquilegia
Leptocera coming true from seed?

If we have to wait till the plants
flower before sending them out to
our customers, a whole year would
be lost, which would be a great pity.
Were your plants, which flowered so
finely, raised from seed? Aquilegias
"sport" & hybridize so much that one
naturally feels rather afraid.

Now that the fronds of the little
Gymnogrammitis are unfolded
I see that it is much less like
Cheilanthes argentea. I feel truly

It ought to be. Plants here
mostly isolated & flowered long
after the other species had passed.

sorry to hear of thy having suffered personally from the terrific fire at Boston for the loss of \$1000 is not a trifling one by any means. I trust I may be able, sooner or later, to help to mitigate it. At present, pray do not send any part of the £10. to Dr. Kellogg. I will send him £25 myself instead.

At leisure (if there be such a thing now-a-days?)

I should feel greatly obliged by brief descriptions of the size colour &c of the following, so that I may be able to give descriptions of them in our new Catalogue

Hespericodium crystallinum.

~~Cyclobothro~~ *Gumisonii* (Is this same as *C. venustum*?)

Allium Californicum

Calochortus uniflorus (The plant figured for this in the Bot. Mag.

has flowers $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches across of a bright rosy pink. Those sent ^{to us} (250 bulbs) were marked "white & yellow". Can it be uniflorus?

250 Bulbs of "*Cal. pulchellus*" were sent, & afterwards many bulbs of "*Cyclobothro pulchella*". Are these two identical? Yes

We have not *Aspidium mucronatum*.

Our new Catalogue of Ferns shall be sent when ready. The old Edⁿ is exhausted, & a new one must be prepared shortly.

Thine truly

W. Backhouse